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THE Committee to whom was referred a Report of the Board of Treasury and a Motion of Mr. Kean, respecting the Requisition for 1787, having reported, "That from the several papers referred to them, it appears that there is wanting for the services of the year 1787, the payment of one year's interest on the Foreign Debt, and such part of the principal as becomes due in the year 1788, and the payment of one year's interest on the Domestic Debt, the sum of 3,009.798.64-90 dollars.

"That of the aforesaid sum, 1,309,391.64-90 is absolutely necessary in specie—that there are considerable sums in specie due from the states over and above those which are necessary to discharge the existing demands on former requisitions, which sums are nearly equal to the payment of that part of the present requisition that is absolutely necessary in specie, and the objects for which the said sums were called for no longer existing, they may be now appropriated to the purposes of the present requisition—that in their opinion many difficulties have arisen from the restrictions made in former requisitions in the issuing of the Indents of Interest; the making them receivable only for the year in which they were issued, and then only when accompanied by a proportion of specie, and declaring that after a certain period they should not be received from the states at the federal treasury, all which have served to check the exertions of the states, and to keep back the specie payments; nor have they had those beneficial effects expected from them of stopping the issue of Indents where states had not passed legislative acts to call them in, or keeping up their value and preventing depreciation, but on the contrary have opened a new scene of speculation in transferring the property of a citizen of a state which has not passed a legislative act, to a citizen of a state which has. In addition to this

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the committee observe, that the acts of Congress empowering the Board of Treasury to contract for the sale of Western Territory, also empowers them to issue Indents of Interest to the purchasers, so that to continue such restrictions would operate only to the injury of a few, and be no public benefit." Whereupon,

RESOLVED, That for the services of the year 1787, for the payment of one year's interest on the Foreign Debt, and such part of the principal as becomes due in the year 1788, and for the payment of one year's interest on the Domestic Debt, it will be necessary that three millions and nine thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight sixty-four ninetieths dollars be paid into the treasury of the United States on or before the first day of July next, to be appropriated to the following purposes, viz.

For the Civil Department, 124,161.85 Military Department, 176,757.17 Geographer's Department, 9,964 Invalid Pensions, 88,000 Contingencies, 19,000 Foreign Debt for the payment of Interest on the French and Dutch Loans and two installments of Principal on the French Loans, becoming due 1788, 871,622.87 Spanish Loan, one year's Interest due thereon, 8,700 Debt due to Foreign Officers, one year's Interest thereon 11,185.55 891,508.52 Domestic Debt, one year's Interest thereon, 1,700,407 Making in the whole, dollars 3,009,798.64

Resolved, That the sums called for in the years 1784, 1785, and 1786, and stated by the Board of Treasury not now to be necessary, the objects for which they were called for no longer existing, which sums amount to one million two hundred thousand dollars, be now appropriated to the payment of that part of the present requisition which cannot be discharged but with specie; any thing in former requisitions to the contrary notwithstanding: and shall be applied in conformity with the several appropriations in the preceding part of this report, giving preference according to the order in which they are stated in the estimate.

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Resolved, That one hundred and nine thousand three hundred and ninety-one dollars, sixty-four ninetieths, in the hands of the Commissioners of Loans in Holland, in aid of the above sum, be appropriated for the discharging the interest due on the Foreign Debt due in Holland, and to no other purpose whatever.

As 1,700,407 dollars called for are to be applied to the payment of the interest due on the Domestic Debt of the United States,

Resolved, That the several states be allowed to discharge the same by Indents for Interest on Loan-office Certificates, and upon other certificates of the liquidated debts of the United States, *in such manner as they judge most expedient*; and to ascertain the evidences of interest due on Loan-office Certificates, the holders thereof respectively shall be at liberty to carry them to the office from which they issued, and the holders of other certificates of liquidated debts of the United States, to carry the same to the Loan-office of that state wherein they are inhabitants, or if foreign-erse, to any Loan-office within the United States, and to have the interest thereon settled and certified to the last day of the year 1786; anything in the requisitions for the years 1784, 1785, and 1786 to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved, That the quotas of the several states of the aforesaid sum of 1,700,407 dollars in Indents be as follows, viz. New-Hampshire, 59,684 Massachusetts, 254,381 Rhode-Island, 36,558 Connecticut, 149,976 New-York, 145,555 New-Jersey, 94,372 Pennsylvania, 232,616 Delaware, 25,506 Maryland, 160,349 Virginia, 290,770 North-Carolina, 123,450 South-Carolina, 108,996 Georgia, 18,194 is 1,700,407

That the foregoing requisition when paid, shall be passed to the credit of the states respectively, on the terms prescribed by the resolve of Congress on the 6th day of October, 1779.

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Resolved, That the Board of Treasury furnish the several Loan-officers with Indents, to be issued for Interest as aforesaid, and also with such checks and instructions as they from time to time shall judge necessary, to prevent counterfeit certificates of debts from obtaining a settlement of interest, and to detect counterfeit evidences of interest, and thereby to avoid re-ceiving them in discharge of taxes; which Indents of Interest being parted with by the holders of the principal, shall be deemed evidence that he has received satisfaction for the same, and therefore shall be receivable from the bearer in lieu of money in any other state in the union, as well as in the state in which they were issued.

That the state paying such Indents of Interest into the federal treasury shall have credit therefor, which payment shall be considered as a discharge of the interest on the Domestic Debt, in the proportion that each state avails itself of the said Indents of Interest; but no state shall have a right to pay more than its quota, as specified in the existing requisitions of Congress, in the said Indents of Interest.

Resolved, That the Board of Treasury be and they are hereby directed to transmit to each state an account of their respective arrears in Specie and in Indents, to state to them the impediments that the public service has suffered, and the accumulation of foreign and domestic embarrassments that have arisen from their delinquency—to press upon them the absolute necessity of their making payments of their arrears of Specie, as it is the only fund on which Congress can rely for the support of the federal government—and to remind those states who continue particularly delinquent, that they must be considered as responsible for all the evils which will inevitably flow from a disregard to the political obligations by which they are constitutionally bound.

Resolved, That such part of the requisitions of the years 1784, 1785, and 1786, as restricts the receipt at the public treasury of Indents of Interest without a certain proportion of Specie—those parts which declare that after a certain day those states which have not paid their quotas shall be held to pay the same in Specie—and such part as prevents the receiving of the Indents issued in one year, in payment of taxes for another, be, and they

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are hereby repealed:—And it is hereby declared that the Indents issued in 1784, 1785, and 1786, or under the present requisition, shall be indiscriminately received in payment of any state's quota of Indents of Interest.

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